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PRESS Sports

WHAT'S GOT INTO SIZEABLE STEVE BILKO?

Adding two more teams to the American League, Washington and Los Angeles, gave so-called major leaguers, on the skids, another chance to play. In mid-season most of these baseballers are no longer with the clubs that paid some \$75,000 a piece for them. Despite the advantage, they couldn't make it.



STEVE BILKO

On the roster of the Angels is one who did make it... at least thus far into 1961 play. Don Welles and excitable Bob Kelly refer to him as Sizeable Steve. We'd like calling him Likeable Steven.

During spring training chores in Palm Springs Likeable confided to us the usual "I'm grateful for another chance," and "I'm sure that I'll make it this time." Frankly, we didn't believe him and told him so. When he reiterated that he was scared and major league pitchers were the same regardless of playing in the park that he built, we warmed up, sensing that he spoke the truth.

CREDIT RIGNEY

The Angels came home yesterday... a joyous group of spirited players. The road trip just concluded was the best thus far since Autry's boys began palying for keeps. We placed a phone call to Steve and asked:

What's going on, Likeable? I see your average is still over .300. Whadda been eating?

Yeh. How about that? I don't know. I'm getting good wood on the ball. Even the right-handers have been serving me the pitches I like.

Rigney must have a lot of confidence in you, playing you with right-handers on the mound.

I'm still weak there. Just lucky, I guess, when I got those homers off of them. Rig's been real good to me.

Is he still going to platoon you?

I think so. Don't forget, Klu still hits the long ball.

Now that you've played a half season, how do you feel about Rigney?

He's the greatest. I used to think Jimmy Dykes was the most considerate of all the managers I've played for, but Rigney's got the right combination.

How's that?

He knows when to scold and when to be sympathetic. If he sees that striking out really bothers you, he lays off, figuring that you feel bad enough. But if you let down, he's all over you. He's helped me out in every phase of the game.

TO FINISH 5TH OF NTH

During spring training you told us that you thought the club would finish in seventh place. Do you still feel that way?

Gosh no! We should win about 40 more games and that will put us up around fifth or sixth.

Most of the writers, including myself, felt that the club wouldn't win 50 this year. What's got into you guys, making liars out of us?

Just say you predicted wrong. We're hustling. We have spirit and want to win every day. Don't forget, when we lose, we lose close. With the trades Rigney and Haney made our bullpen has been made stronger.

PIERSALL GREAT

You hit in 14 games straight until you went 0 for 5 against Cleveland last week. Did you feel a bit let down after the game?

Yes I did. But don't forget the homer I hit in that one. I don't remember the box score crediting you with one. The one Piersall caught.

Oh, yeh.

So when I thought about that catch of his I didn't feel too bad. Another outfielder would have let that one sail out, but not Jimmy. He's one of the greatest, defensively. I told him so after the game.

1st Area All Star Game Thurs.



JIM STINEBAUGH, assistant pro from the Wilshire Country Club, watches as an unidentified Torrance youngster swings for the center of the driving machine apparatus at the Puff-Puff Golf Course, 20535 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance. New

machine measures distance for drivers. Stinebaugh is the first of many professionals who will appear in successive weekends to assist golfers at the Hawthorne Blvd. course.

Harbor City LL Announces 1961 All Star Team Names

Members of the Harbor City Little League All-Star team were announced early this week by league president Bob Perry. Boys were chosen by the six major league managers for the 1961 season.

Harbor City will have five area All-Star tournament games at their field this year. The first of the series is to be played at Perry Field, 26000 Frampton Ave.

Games are open to the public. All-Star players selected from the Harbor City Little League are: John Kopchik, Steven Kogley, Charles Richie, John Meinan, Tommy Graham, Bobby Martizian, Sonny Edmonds, Danny Frey, Robert Coleman, Frank Winn, Jr., Stefan Jaret, Ronnie White, Mike Cunnigan and Clark Steven Davis. Alternates are Mick Wright and Pat McDowell.

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Mountain Camp Outing Sponsored By Rec. Dept.

Reservations for Camp Clawa, the Torrance Recreation Department's mountain camp, currently are being accepted. Youngsters 9 to 14 years old will attend the camp, on Big Bear Lake, from Aug. 19 to 26.

Camp activities include swimming, boating, hiking, cook-outs, overnights, fire-making techniques, orienteering, crafts, campfires, and others. Cost will be \$30 for the one-week session, including room, board, registration, swimming, crafts, insurance, and bus transportation. Registration blanks may be obtained from the Torrance Recreation Department, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

Camping activities will be led by experienced counselors, with swimming under the direction of Red Cross water safety instructors. Camp Clawa is located at Bellows Lodge, Big Bear Lake. Sleeping accommodations are in permanent buildings and floored tents.

Day Camp Starts at La Romeria Today

La Romeria Park, Torrance, will host the Powhatan day camp for youngsters five years and up, today starting at 1 p.m. Leader Don Ahern will lead youngsters in Indian crafts and games.

The craftsman, Carroll Becker, will be at the park on Thursday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m. to help youngsters from six years and older. Charges of 15 and 30 cents will be made for projects.

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Signups Begin For Pop Warner Football League

Boys interested in playing Pop Warner football this fall may register at one of the following residences Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings between 7 and 9 p.m.

Rea Tucker, 18225 Pattonella, DAVIS 3-0978; Don Alexander, 22963 Cabrillo, Davenport 5-0220; Ed Nicodemus, 21601 Ellinwood, FRontier 1-3061; Joe Carter, 1645 Hickory, FAirfax 5-5899; Aramis Dandoy, 23831 Ward St., FRontier 5-4837 and Bob Lindsey, 4627 Milne Drive FRontier 5-6786.

All registrants must bring along a parent and proof of age. Registrations will continue until August 1.

Torrance Pop Warner Football Association expects to field five football teams during the 1961 season. Boys must be at least nine and not more than fourteen on January 1, 1962.

Tryouts will begin August 1, 1961 at Torrance Park at 15 p.m.

Field Of 110 Cars Vie In Speedway's Sunday Events

Over 110 cars and drivers will race Sunday in a nine event doubleheader CJA hot rod and stock car program at Gardena's Western Speedway. This will be the largest field of the year at the Western Avenue speedplant.

Heading up the hot rod race will be the 1960 CJA champion, Jim Roessler, of Barstow. Roessler has captured five main events already this year.

Tops in the stock car division is Arley Scranton of Compton who will handle an Oldsmobile in the day's nine event card. Scranton has won two main events this year, and is leading in points.

DRIVERS

Other leading drivers entered include: Dick Cook, Lakewood; Art Atkinson, Pasadena; Jerry Plotts, Gardena; Jack Austin, Downey; Bill St. James, Gardena; George Durade, Pomona; Billy Cantrell, Riverside; Gene Davis, Santa Monica; Jasper Lopiccolo, Downey; Bob Simmons, South Gate; Wayne Polstein, Temple City; Dee Harty, El Monte; Jim Lytel, Pasadena; Ray McKinley, Bell; Dave Hubert, Huntington Park; Audie Madron, Compton; Donnie Harrison, Gardena; Paul Jones, Torrance; Dallas Harrison, Hermosa Beach; and John Turner, Santa Ana.

The day's racing card starts with time trials at 12:30 p.m. First race of the day goes at 2:30 p.m. On the program are 2:30 p.m. trophy dashes; two 15-lap semi-mains; and two 30-lap main events, and two consolation races.

RB Knothole Pony League Names '61 All-Star Team

Officials of the Redondo Knothole Pony League this week announced the names of members of the 1961 All-Star team.

Those selected include George Diller, Phil Anderson, Minor Hopkins, Dave La Roche, Phil D'Addario, Tim Speaks, Fred Moseley, Tom Jurco, Danny Chandler, Chet Stewart, Thurman Allison, Mike Phillips, Fred Goodberry, Chris Prescott, Darrell Matheny.

Alternates are: Richard Campbell, Gary Loyd, Ken De Groat, Frank Drew and Steve Fuhr. Knothole manager is Fred Moseley and Nick Langley is coach.

First All-Star game for the league will be against North-Torrance Pony, tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. at Mobil Field, 190th near Prairie.

Conclude Fete

With July 15th marking the end of the 1961 Park and Recreation Month Observance, the Park and Recreation Month Committee enthusiastically concluded that it was the most popularly received celebration, of the occasion, to date. Harry Van Bellehem, chairman of the 1961 Park and Recreation Month Committee said, "The purpose of Park and Recreation Month is to remind the public of the tremendous recreational facilities and activities available to them."

Local Youngsters Invited to Three City Day Camps

The first of the three Chipewewa Pow Wow Day Camps, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, will get underway at Torrance Park on Tuesday, July 25.

For the sixth year, boys and girls from 7 to 12 years old, will be able to work, make crafts projects, learn camping skills, cook-out, and take a field trip under the leadership of trained counselors. Cost is \$5 per child.

Sessions will be at Torrance Park from July 25-29; at El Retiro Park from Aug. 1-5; and at El Nido Park from 8-11. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and from 2 to 9 p.m. on Friday through Sat. morning. Friday night activities will feature a camp fire, with those who wish staying overnight.

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